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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: CC Docket No. 92-105; FCC 04-111
The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to echo the sentiments of the Common Ground Alliance in their letter dated July 1, 2004, supporting the implementation of the nationwide 3 digit number for access to our nation's 62 One Call centers.

As a damage prevention consultant and claims investigator for over 10 years, I have noticed that a significant amount of underground facility damages have been a result of the failure of excavators to utilize the nation's One Call centers. A nationwide 3 digit access number will significantly decrease the damages to our nations utility infrastructure as well as prevent the needless injuries or loss of life that tend to accompany these unfortunate events.

I also support the continued use of "#344" in the wireless community in addition to the 3 digit number chosen by the FCC. The wireless community has worked diligently in the movement to provide a simplified format for its users and should be commended for their leadership in this area.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the Commission for its efforts in assigning and implementing a nationwide 3 digit number for access to our nation's One Call centers. I would also like to thank the Honorable Chris John for introducing and sponsoring 3 digit dialing as a provision to the "Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002".

Respectfully,

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